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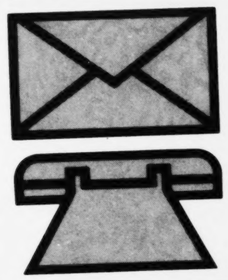

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The new U.S. Postal Service automated telephone information service.

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—it's the nearest thing to having your own personal post office.

Information at your fingertips.

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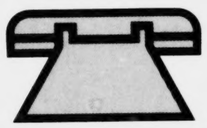
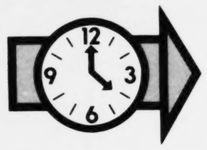


How to use POSTAL ANSWER LINE

1. Look up the message number for the information you want.
2. In the Wichita area, call 945-3748 on your touch-tone telephone.
3. The recorded instructions will tell you when to push the buttons that correspond with the desired message number.
4. Wait a few moments for your message to begin.
5. For information on another service or to have the message repeated, wait for the tone, then press the appropriate message number.



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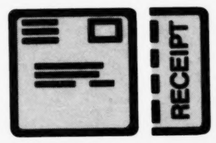

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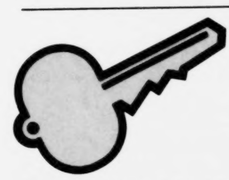

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